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Applicant : Anila Bhan  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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July 12, 2004

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 12, 2004, please consider the following:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants are also submitting, concurrently herewith, a petition to extend the period of response three months from April 12, 2004, up to and including July 12, 2004.